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TO : Chief/Field Training

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FROM : Training Coordinator/Air Operations

SUBJECT: Air Operations Course Evaluations of Six Contract Agents of Project AEACRE.

1. The subject trainees received 44 hours of tutorial instruction in air reception during the period of 3 September through 6 September 1957. Attachment "A" to this memorandum lists the subjects covered and time devoted to each subject.

2. It is believed that all trainees now have a satisfactory understanding of air reception principles and procedures. With further study and practice they could successfully carry out air reception or train others to do so. Throughout their training, all trainees showed a strong interest in the lectures and demonstrations.

During the surveying and reporting phase all trainees showed a great deal of interest and turned in good sketches and reports.

All trainees had an average background in tradecraft and little, if any, background in the subject of zone procedure. They were quite receptive to the instruction and absorbed the basic principles involved in tradecraft as applied to covert air reception. Their application of instruction to field problems was very good.

3. During the actual field problems the group were assigned specific jobs as follows:

- a. [ ] was reception committee leader with [ ] as his assistant. Their problem was to select an area for an equipment drop and using the other trainees as a reception team to receive a drop. A good area was selected, a good plan made, and a successful night reception carried out.
- b. [ ] was reception committee leader with [ ] as assistant. Their problem was to select an area for a light aircraft landing and using other trainees as team members receiving an aircraft. This problem was carried out very well by all trainees.
- c. [ ] was reception committee leader with Mario Giordano as assistant. Their problem was

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to receive two agents with personal equipment. A good plan was made and with other trainees acting as the reception committee, a successful drop was made.

4. The men worked together as a group very well on all of the field problems. During the critiques following each problem it was apparent to all of the AOC instructors who dealt with the subject trainees that a certain amount of professional jealousy was present. It was apparent that all trainees were making individual criticism rather than that of the problem concerned.

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